Five Year Plan. The budget allocation for the two Programmes are given below:—

	1987-88	1988-89
	(*Rs. in lakhs*)	
Cancer Control Programme . .	500	400
Mental Health Programme .	2	20

(d) and (e) The budget provision made under Cancer Control Programme is mainly utilised for giving assistance to 9 Regional Cancer Centres assistance to Indian Cancer Society, Bombay for a project undertaken by that Society and for giving assistance @ Rs. 12.00 lakhs to the institutions for setting up of Cobalt therapy units.

During the year 1987-88 a sum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs was released to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences Banglore under the Mental Health Programme for coordination work; assistance to Schizophernia Research Foundation Task force; etc.

List of Essential Drugs

533. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the anwer to Unstarred Question 2629 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Diazepam, Largectil, Oxazepam, Mellaril and other similar drugs are extensively used for mental diseases;

(b) whether it is a fact the growth rate of these drugs in between 8 per cent to 14 per cent per annum;

(c) what are the names and designation of experts who declared Diazepam and similar other drugs as non-essential;

(d) whether these were experts from his Ministry or from outside institutions and what institute each of them represented;

(e) what are the basis on which these drugs have been treated as non-essential;

(f) whether his Ministry has drawn up a list of essential drugs; and

(g) if so, who drew the list and what are the names of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such information is available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) to (e) On the basis of representations received, Ministry of Health & F.W. in consultation with the Director General of Health Services recommended to the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals to consider exclusion of Diazepam and other tranquillizers from Category II of the Drug Prices Control Order, 1987.

(f) and (g) Government has not prepared any National list of essential drugs. However, the list of drugs considered to be essential for Primary Health Centres and sub-centres is under revision.

Supply of Anti T.B. Drugs to States

534. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4083 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the basis and rational behind purchasing anti-TB drugs and then supplying them to the states and what are other National Programmes for which medicines are procured and supplied to the states;

(b) whether it is a fact that the purchases of anti-TB medicines is the largest and the purpose of Central purchases of these medicines is the money pay offs which these purchases involve;

(c) what is the rate at which Rifampicin capsules were procured during 1987-88 and 1988-89 and the extent of purchase from each company;

(d) when Rifampicin is available at Rs. 1800 per Kg. in the international market what are the reasons for not importing it; and

(e) what are the reasons for non-consideration of this proposition and what steps have been taken to enquire into the whole matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The scheme of supply of anti-TB drugs is one of the schemes approved by the Planning Commission for implementation during 7th Plan Period as in the earlier plans so as to ensure availability of sufficient quantity of anti-T.B. drugs in all the Districts for treatment of all diagnosed TB cases.

(b) Anti-TB drugs are purchased on D.G.S. & D. Rate Consract as per budgetary provision made available each year and following strictly the Government Rules and regulations on the subject. As such, the question of money pay off does not arise.

(c) The requisite information is as under:—

Name of the company	Rate per 100 Caps Rifampicin 150 mg.	Quantity ordered
1987-88		
(i) M/s. Hindustan Antibiotic Ltd., Pune .	Rs. 534.00	65 lakhs
(ii) M/s. S.C.I. Laboratories, Calcutta .	Rs. 534.00	15 lakhs
1988-89		
(i) M/s. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Gurgaon	Rs. 555.00 less 5%	80 lakhs
(ii) M/s. Radicura Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Rs. 517.50 less 1.5%	20 lakhs
(iii) M/s. Alpine Industries, New Delhi .	Rs. 520.00 less 1.5% discount	20 lakhs
(iv) M/s. Everest Chemicals Industries, Vatva	Rs. 530.00 less 4% discount	30 lakhs

(d) and (e) The information regarding price of Rifampicin in international market is not available in this Ministry. Many a time import of raw-materials is discouraged to encourage local production.

Kelkar Committee's Recommendations

535. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4201 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee to the effect that Category-I list would be excluded out of the list recommended by the committee is contained in Para 4 Chapter III of the report;

(b) whether it is a fact that when the Kelkar Committee submitted its report, list of Category-I drugs was not available to the committee;

(c) when his Ministry recommended category-I list based on the criteria given by the Department of Chemicals;